

WEST DES MOINES BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, September 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Bicycle Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 5:32 p.m. by Steve Gatton.

Commission	Joel Wolcott	Brittany Martinez	Kip Albertson	Stacie Hatch	Steve Gatton
Present		Arrived at 5:36	X	Arrived at 5:34	X
Commission	Margaret Christiansen	Spencer Cox	Amanda Krause	Greg France	
Present	X		X	X	

Staff	Gary Scott <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Sally Ortgies <i>Superintendent of Parks</i>	Susan Mathews <i>Parks & Recreation Administrative Secretary</i>		
Present	X	X	X		

Staff	Joe Cory <i>Deputy Director of Public Works</i>	Cam Coppess <i>Police Lieutenant</i>	Duane Wittstock <i>City Engineer</i>	Eric Petersen <i>Traffic Engineer</i>	Greg Hansen <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>
Present	X			X	X

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Christiansen to approve the agenda as presented. France seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

No items.

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2014 Meeting

It was moved by Christensen to approve the minutes as presented. Albertson seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 4. Old Business

No items.

New Business:

On Item 5A. Recognition – Lisa Dreyer, Outgoing Commissioner

Gatton shared that, due to a career advancement, Dreyer and her family have moved. He expressed appreciation for her service on the Commission.

On Item 5B. Welcome New Member – Brittany Martinez

Gatton welcomed new Commission member Brittany Martinez. Martinez shared that she has lived in West Des Moines four years but moved to the Des Moines area six years ago after graduating from Loras College. Martinez added that she owns a road bike but has spent less time on it lately while she has been training for a marathon in October.

On Item 5C. Discussion – Mayor's Bike Ride

Hansen introduced himself to the Commission and expressed his passion for biking. He shared his goal to feature a bicycle related event each quarter and said he would be looking to the Commission for guidance and volunteers. He unveiled a logo that has been created for association with future bicycle

events and advertising. Hansen presented the Commission with a map of the Mayor's Bike Ride routes. He noted that volunteers will be needed on site at City Hall at 7:15 a.m. Gattton thanked Hansen for his hard work and urged that all the critical turns be well marked to prevent riders from getting off course. Albertson asked about a police car to follow the end of the ride because the last riders may be the least experienced and it could provide extra safety. Albertson suggested encouraging riders to have a flasher or other strobe light for safety. Hansen suggested those could be a sponsor provided item in the future.

Staff Reports:

On Item 6A. City Engineer

Eric Petersen, Traffic Engineer, has been attending the Bicycle Master Plan Task Force meetings and assisting with revising the Bicycle Master Plan map.

On Item 6B. Deputy Director of Public Works

Cory not present.

On Item 6C. Police Captain

Coppess not present.

On Item 6D. Superintendent of Parks

Ortgies shared that asphalt trail renovation will be taking place on the E.P. True Parkway trail from S. 26th Street to Jordan Creek and will include repair of the pedestrian ramps. She added that the Jordan Creek Trail will also close for a period of time during the paving of 39th Street. She noted the Jordan Creek trail portion under I-80 that has been closed due to interstate construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

On Item 6E. Director of Parks and Recreation

Scott gave a presentation and information about the alignment of the Great Western Trail in association with proposed development. Scott showed a map and illustrated options for connection of the trail along Grand Avenue from Fuller Road to Jordan Creek which the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will consider. Scott also shared that the sharrows will be repainted soon and the Commission discussed painting of a route revised by the Bicycle Master Plan Task Force.

Other Matters:

On Item 7A. Action Items

France shared that he's observed that the bollards on the levy trail may be unsafe. Scott responded that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board brought the same item up for discussion previously and it was discussed by the Public Works Council Subcommittee and the Council members on that subcommittee did not support removal. The City Engineer discussed the issue with the Army Corp of Engineers who own the property and they did not want to remove the bollards. Scott stated that it is not just a City decision but it has been about a year and it could be approached again potentially asking that a different type of material be used.

Receive, File and/or Refer:

8A. Resignation Letter, Lisa Dreyer

8B. City Council Communication: August 25, 2014 – Approval of Appointment, Martinez

- 8C. Des Moines Area MPO, Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable Packet, May
8D. Review – Des Moines Area MPO, Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable Packet
1. July
 2. August

It was moved by Krause to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. France seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mathews
Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

Joel Wolcott
Commission Secretary